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## SEPTEMBER MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11, at noon, at their rooms in Tremont Street, Boston; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the Department of State of the United States; Dexter C. Thompson, Esq., of Halifax, Mass.; Henry Stevens, Esq., of London; James S. Loring, Esq.; and from Messrs. Adams, Felt, Lincoln, and Quincy, of this Society.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from the Hon. John R. Bartlett, of Providence, R.I., accepting his election as a Corresponding Member of the Society.

The Treasurer reported that he had received from the Hon. Josiah Quincy a check for one thousand dollars, being the amount contributed by him for altering and repairing the building of the Society; and that he had paid out the amount for the purpose specified, by order of the Standing Committee.

An invitation from the Committee of Arrangements on the inauguration of the statue of Benjamin Franklin, for the Society to unite in the ceremonies on the 17th instant, was read by the President. Whereupon it was voted to accept the invitation; and Mr. Savage was appointed by the President specially to represent the Society on the occasion.

The President read a letter from Mr. William J. Hammersley, of Hartford, Conn., accompanying a piece

of the "Charter Oak," and "The Life of Captain Nathan Hale, the Martyr Spy of the American Revolution, by J. W. Stuart," both of which are presented to the Society by Mr. Stuart. Whereupon *Voted*, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Stuart for his acceptable gifts.

The President also read a communication from Mr. Joseph Mills, of Needham, accompanying a specimen of British bread used by a portion of the American army during the Revolutionary war.

Voted to refer this subject to the Standing Committee.

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#### OCTOBER MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9, at noon, at their rooms in Tremont Street, Boston; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the Regents of the University of the State of New York; Dr. E. B. O'Callaghan; J. W. Stuart, Esq.; and from Messrs. Adams and Winthrop, of this Society.

The President announced a donation from the Boston Board of Trade of "a copy, in bronze, of a gold medal which was presented to Commodore M. C. Perry, in commemoration of his successful mission to Japan in the years 1853-4."

The President stands charged with the acknowledgment of this interesting gift.